

Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List  
Rising Eleventh Grade  
2015-2016

Non-Fiction Books

**Burcaw, Shane. *Laughing at My Nightmare***

Shane Burcaw describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy.

**Curry, Stephen. *How Is the Internet Eroding Privacy Rights?***

Discusses the origins of the Internet privacy controversy; provides varying perspectives on the effect of social media, data collection, and hackers on privacy, and what can be done to limit it.

**Dotson, Alison. *Being Me with OCD: How I Learned to Obsess Less and Live My Life***

Tells the story of how obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) dragged the author to rock bottom, and how she found hope, got help, and eventually climbed back to a fuller, happier life.

**Fine, Debra. *Beyond Texting: The Fine Art of Communication for Teenagers***

Provides techniques for teenagers for social interactions.

**Fleischman, Paul. *Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines***

Shows how to see the principles driving events and attitudes, from vested interests to denial to big-country syndrome

**Foran, Racquel. *Organ Transplants***

Focuses on the history and the science behind the medical practices and the individuals responsible for major breakthroughs.

**Johnson, Rebecca. *Chernobyl's Wild Kingdom: Life in the Dead Zone***

Explores the explosion of the Chernobyl Power Plant on April 26, 1986, in Northern Ukraine, and discusses the long term effects of radiation on wildlife in the Exclusion Zone that was abandoned after the accident.

**Locricchio, Matthew. *Teen Cuisine: New Vegetarian***

Contains over fifty vegetarian, vegan, or raw food recipes for all meals of the day; with step-by-step instructions, chef tips, and safety information.

**Marrin, Albert. *A Volcano Beneath the Snow: John Brown's War against Slavery***

Discusses his childhood, his career and family, and his involvement in the abolition movement during the Civil War in which he led a raid on a military armory at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

**Nakaya, Andrea C. *How Do Cell Phones Affect Society?***

Examines how society is affected by cell phone use, and discusses changing communication and social interaction, impacts on the brain and body, whether cell phones are addictive, and more.

**Nelson, Marilyn. *How I Discovered Poetry***

The author reflects on her childhood in the 1950s and her development as an artist and young woman through fifty poems that consider such influences as the Civil Rights Movement, the "Red Scare" era, and the feminist movement.

**Vacca, John R. *Identity Theft***

Explores identity theft, discussing stolen credit card information, hijacked e-mail accounts, impersonation of others online, and how identity thieves access personal information in the first place.

## Fiction Books

**Bassoﬀ, Leah. *Lost Girl Found***

When war comes to a small village in southern Sudan, young Poni must run for her life and begins a long and dangerous trek across the east African countryside with thousands of refugees.

**Bradley, John. *Call Me by My Name***

Growing up in Louisiana in the late 1960s, where racial segregation still thrives, two high school football players, one white, one black, become friends, but some changes no one will accept.

**Ellis, Deborah. *Moon at Nine***

In 1988, the deeply conservative and religious government controls every facet of life in Iran. Fifteen-year-old Farrin falls in love with her friend Sadira, but it is against the law to be a homosexual in Iran, punishable by death.

**Fisher, Catherine. *The Slanted Worlds (Obsidian Mirror series)***

While Jake continues searching for his father and is sent by the obsidian mirror to multiple times in the past, Sarah and Venn battle with Summer for control of a powerful coin.

**Lake, Nick. *There Will Be Lies***

After a car accident, Shelby's mother steals her away from the hospital, revealing that Shelby's father is not dead, but rather a violent man who promised to hunt them down.

**Nelson, Jandy. *I'll Give You The Sun***

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

**Ruiz Zafon, Carlos. *Marina***

Oscar and Marina's curiosity leads them down a dangerous path, and they discover a decades-old conspiracy that puts their lives in sinister and mystical hands.

**Sitomer, Alan. *Caged Warrior***

McCutcheon Daniels keep winning his Mixed Martial Arts competitions to feed his family, but chance presents an opportunity to leave the Detroit slums using his brain instead of his fists.

**Venkatraman, Padma. *A Time to Dance***

In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.

**Wagner, Laura Rose. *Hold Tight, Don't Let Go: A Novel of Haiti***

In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Nadine goes to live with her father in Miami while her cousin remains behind in a refugee camp.

**Walrath, Dana. *Like Water on Stone***

Inspired by a true story, this relates the tale of siblings Sosi, Shahan, and Mariam who survive the Armenian genocide of 1915 by escaping from Turkey alone over the mountains.

**Wesselhoeft, Conrad. *Dirt Bikes, Drones, and Other Ways to Fly***

Seventeen year-old dirt-bike-riding daredevil Arlo Santiago catches the eye of the U.S. military with his first-place ranking on a video game featuring drone warfare.